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to him by the Government and necessary notifications were published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and, if so, the date on which the notification superseding the above Panchayat Board was published; and

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that the Tiruturaipundi Panchayat Board was superseded by the Inspector of Local Boards without issuing a notice to show cause why the said Panchayat Board should not be superseded as laid down under the provisions of the Madras Local Boards Act?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A notification superseding the Tiruturaipundi Panchayat Board was published by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 9th September 1947, by mistake. The mistake was due to a clerical error. As soon as the mistake was detected on 13th September 1947, the correction was issued and also published in the Gazette."

Alteration in the regulations for recruitment of District Panchayat Officers.

* 66 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether regulations regarding methods of recruitment, etc., of the District Panchayat Officers have been recently altered;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what the changes to the existing regulations are;

(*c*) whether the proposed amendments contemplate creation of two grades of panchayat officers;

(*d*) what the number of panchayat officers in each grade will be and on what basis such numbers have been determined;

(*e*) whether the existing panchayat officers who have put in a certain number of years of satisfactory service will automatically get into the higher grade;

(*f*) if the answer to (*e*) is in the affirmative, who the authority is who will declare the completion of such satisfactory service;

(*g*) whether these panchayat officers will be treated as Government servants subject to rules and regulations prescribed for Government servants; and

(*h*) whether the recruitment and promotions of panchayat officers are to be subject to the recommendations of the Public Service Commission?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" (*a*) Yes.

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"(b) & (c) The service of District Panchayat Officers has been now divided into two grades and the scale of pay also has been revised as under :—

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	First grade	..	..	..	200—10—300
	Second grade ..	..	..	..	150— 5—200
"(d)	First grade	..	..	—	10
	Second grade ..	..	..	..	15

The number of posts in the first grade has been fixed at 10 so as to allow deserving District Panchayat Officers with long service a reasonable chance of promotion.

"(e) Promotions to first grade are made on grounds of merit and long service.

"(f) Does not arise.

"(g) No.

"(h) No."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know why recruitment to the cadre of District Panchayat Officers should not be made by the Public Service Commission instead of the Government? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" It is more convenient to the administration if the selection is made by the Government."

Private practice by non-honorary surgeons and physicians.

* 67 Q.—SRI P. R. K. SARMA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether non-honorary surgeons and physicians in Government service and attached to Government hospitals are allowed to have their own nursing homes and to attend to patients privately;

(b) whether exemptions are granted, and, if granted, under what circumstances and conditions;

(c) who are the physicians and surgeons who are enjoying such exemptions and to what hospitals they are attached and what their salaries, allowances, conditions of service, etc., are; and

(d) whether surgeons and physicians employed in Government hospitals are allowed to use the instruments and materials of such hospitals for attending to their private patients and, if the answer be in the affirmative, whether any fee or charge is levied and whether anybody's permission is required for the use of Government materials for private practice and profit?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Government Medical Officers including Surgeons and Physicians are not permitted to run private nursing homes and attend on patients therein